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SUBJECT: CSCE: MORE POSITIVE FRENCH ATTITUDE

1. ACTING HEAD OF FRENCH DELEGATION (CHAZELLE) CALLED ON AMBASSADOR SHERER DEC 5 TO INFORM US OF A MAJOR CHANGE IN OVERALL FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD CSCE. CHAZELLE SAID THAT DURING PREPARATIONS FOR BREZHNEV VISIT TO PARIS, FRENCH HAD DISCOVERED THAT SOVIETS WERE PREPARED TO BE REASONABLE ON ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE WEST. FRENCH HAD DECIDED THAT WESTERN COUNTRIES SHOULD SEIZE ON OPPORTUNITY THIS OFFERS, AND SHOULD NOW EXPEDITE STAGE II WORK IN ORDER TO CONCLUDE THE CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ACCORDING TO CHAZELLE, FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH US TO THIS END, AND WILL TRY TO INFLUENCE OTHER MEMBERS OF EC-9 IN SAME DIRECTION.

2. CHAZELLE SAID FRENCH DELEGATION HEAD (ANDREANI) IS NOW AT RAMBOUILLET FOR GISCARD-BREZHNEV MEETINGS. WHEN HE RETURNS HE WILL PROVIDE US WITH A DETAILED RUN-DOWN OF FRENCH-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS OF CSCE, TOGETHER WITH INFORMA-
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TION ON CSCE SUBJECTS WHICH GISCARD WILL RAISE IN

MARTINIQUE.

3. TURNING TO SPECIFIC BASKET III PROBLEMS OF CURRENT CONCERN, CHAZELLE SAID FRENCH HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING PRIVATELY WITH SOVIETS ON INTRODUCTORY LANGUAGE FOR HUMAN CONTACTS SECTION OF FINAL CSCE DOCUMENTS, AND HAVE WORKED OUT A COMPROMISE WHICH WILL SATISFY SOVIET DESIRE FOR LANGUAGE ON "MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS." FRENCH PLAN TODAY TO INTRODUCE ORALLY COMPROMISE LIST OF POINTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS INTRODUCTORY PASSAGE, AND THEY EXPECT SOVIET AND EC-9 SUPPORT.

4. CHAZELLE ASKED FOR OUR SUPPORT FOR FRENCH PROPOSAL ON LIBRARIES/READING ROOMS, WHEN THIS SUBJECT COMES UP IN CULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE NEXT WEEK, (WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED CURRENT FRENCH TEXT ON THIS POINT), AND SAID FRENCH WERE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OUR POSITION ON RADIO JAMMING ISSUE IN CURRENT INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS OF AUDIO-VISUAL INFORMATION.DALE

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